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'Best of Wabash County' voting underway

The nominations are now closed for the Plain Dealer's annual Best of Wabash County contest, and voting has now begun. Voting will be done online by visiting <https://wabashplaindealer.secondstreetapp.com/Wabash-County's-Greatest-2021/> now. Voting will conclude at noon Saturday, Nov. 6. Winners will be announced on Saturday, Nov. 20. The categories are listed under 10 groups. To add a business that may have been left out of the nominations, please email publisher Kelly Miller at kmiller@pmginnmi.com immediately.

Annual Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza will return to downtown Wabash

Wabash Marketplace is presenting its fifth annual free Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza on the Miami Street block between Market and Canal streets from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. Wabash Trucking will bring one of its roll-off trucks to dump more than one ton of candy onto Miami Street for trick-or-treaters. Candy will cascade to Miami Street promptly at 5 p.m. and trick-or-treaters can collect their candy until 7 p.m. Bachelor Creek Church will present an outdoor Costume Contest at 6 p.m. at Lighthouse Mission, 123 W. Canal St. Guests are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early to secure spots in the contest. The contest will be judged by age categories and a group/family award. One prize will be awarded per category. Categories include Birth to 2 years, 3 to 6 years, 7 to 12 years, 12-plus/Teen/Adult and Group/Family. Other events include live

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'Equipment malfunction' causes overly chlorinated water in Wabash

Indiana American Water issued a warning to customers on Thursday

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Thursday, Indiana American Water alerted customers in its Wabash service area that they "may notice an increased chlorine

smell in their water after an equipment malfunction overnight at one of its water treatment facilities," said external affairs manager Joe Loughmiller.

Loughmiller said the malfunction caused "slightly higher than normal chlorine levels" in parts of the system on Thursday.

Loughmiller said the affected water treatment facility was shut down late Thursday morning for ap-

proximately two hours until the problem was resolved.

"Company employees were also monitoring disinfection levels at the plant and throughout the system on Thursday and flushing parts of the system to help chlorine levels return to normal in the distribution system," said Loughmiller.

Loughmiller said the company uses sodium hypochlorite, commonly referred to as bleach, to dis-

infect drinking water at its Wabash water treatment facilities.

"If customers notice a chlorine taste and odor in their drinking water, they should let their water run for several minutes until the odor dissipates. Customers can also keep an open container of drinking water in their refrigerator to allow the chlorine smell to dissipate," said Loughmiller.

Loughmiller said custom-

ers in the area were notified regarding this issue by phone, email and text through the company's Co-derED emergency notification tool.

On Friday, Loughmiller said they were "still looking into" how the malfunction occurred.

"We focused on operational issues and flushing the system to get chlorine

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MU to celebrate 132 years with Friday, Nov. 5 Founders Day parade



Provided photos

The parade led by the Spartan Pride Marching Band begins at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5 at the corner of College Avenue and Wayne Street.

Roanoke Classical Seminary moved to North Manchester on Nov. 5, 1889

By **ANNE GREGORY**

On Nov. 5, 1889, Roanoke Classical Seminary moved to North Manchester. Growing from the ideas and great personal sacrifices of its founders, Manchester College firmly took root.

One hundred thirty-two years later, Manchester University is celebrating Founders Day with a parade and birthday celebration.

The parade led by the Spartan Pride Marching Band begins at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5 at the corner of College Avenue and Wayne Street. It will go east on College Avenue and then north to Cordier Auditorium on the Manchester Mall, then south



On Nov. 5, 1889, Roanoke Classical Seminary moved to North Manchester.

and over to the Jo Young Switzer Center for refreshments in Haist Commons. The public is welcome to

watch the parade. Masks are not required outside on campus, but they must be worn inside all buildings.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

DNR plans Salamonie forest management operations

Approximately eight trees per acre scheduled for removal

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is planning the first forest management operations at Salamonie River State Forest in several years.

The DNR plans to conduct management operations at the property no earlier than December and be complete by early March, said DNR Division of Communications director JB Brindle.

Brindle said this management has been planned since 2014.

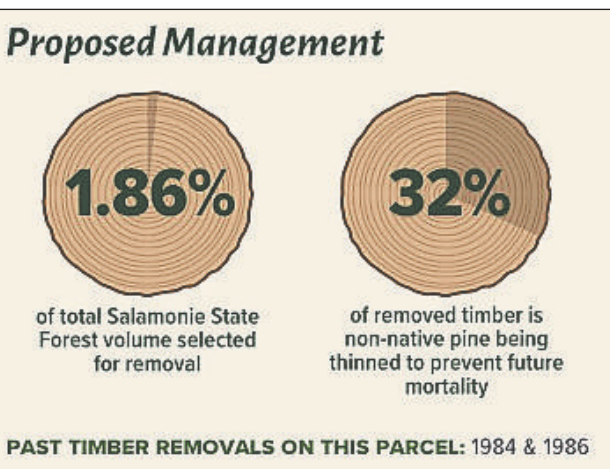
"The Division of Forestry manages forests to maintain healthy forests, improve wildlife diversity, lessen

tree stress, restore ecological value, help at-risk species and prevent forest fires," said Brindle.

Brindle said the improvement area is 121 acres in the 975-acre forest. Less than 2 percent of the trees in the forest, roughly eight per acre in the improvement area, have been selected for removal. 984 out of 59,500 trees. Salamonie is a total of 975 acres, equaling out to 70.8 trees per acre.

"These trees were individually selected," said Brindle.

Brindle said 32 percent of the trees selected for removal are non-native pine trees that are being thinned to prevent future mortality. In total, this will account for 1.86 percent of the total Salamonie State Forest volume which will be selected for removal. Also selected for removal are trees that are dying, over-mature, poor-



Provided graphic

This graphic shows statistics on the trees slated for removal.

ly formed, suppressed, or damaged.

"Forest practice and research show that periodic timber removal assists in maintaining the overall health of the forest, including managing for endangered species, soil and

water protection, sustainable timber, production and recreational activities," said Brindle.

Brindle said state forests are DNR's only properties where long-term forest and

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ISDH reports 105th local COVID-19 death

Moderna, Johnson & Johnson booster shots now available, in addition to Pfizer

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the 105th COVID-19 death in Wabash County.

This news comes after the ISDH also reported three additional local COVID-19 deaths last week.

Also on Wednesday, Oct. 27, during the ISDH's weekly advisory level dashboard update, Wabash County remained in the orange, or second-highest level, but crept ever closer to red, the highest level. Rising local cases meant that Wabash County's rating continued to be at 2.5. A score of 3 would qualify a county for the red level.

Meanwhile, local COVID-19 vaccination rates have continued lagging behind the state average. In the zip code 46992, which comprises Wabash, 43 percent of the eligible population has

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Common Ground Prayer Ministry plans special gathering

Event set for 1:30p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at Wabash City Park Pavillion

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After a similar event last month, Common Ground Prayer Ministry has planned another special gathering for next weekend, said organizer Angie Penix.

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is an annual event scheduled for the first Sunday in November each year.

Common Ground Prayer Ministry will hold a special prayer gathering in commemoration of this observance at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Wabash City Park Pavillion, 800 W. Hill St.

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Dealing with discouragement

By REV. TODD RENDER

One thing we have in common with nearly every human that ever existed: Pain. We suffer from sickness and disease. We have wants and needs that go unfulfilled. Even our pleasures can lead us to excess or addiction and shorten an already brief run on the planet and make it even more painful. Most of us experience broken relationships – “interpersonal conflict” in human resources lingo – that spills over to the community and divide the country. There is never an end to the reasons for discouragement in this life. However, there is reason to hope.

The Apostle Paul traveled across many countries to talk about Jesus and His saving grace, to bring light and hope in dark times. Even he ran into significant discouragement.

“We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts, we felt the sentence of death.” (2Cor1:8-9NIV) Later in his letter, Paul continued: “For even when we came into Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side: conflicts without, fears within.” (2Cor7:5NIV)

“Conflicts without and fears within” describes

many of us today. Can I tell you that, once you know Jesus, it changes – but not necessarily to make it easier? We learn to trade sensuality for sensitivity (Eph4:19) and become aware not only of our sinfulness, but we also suffer knowing the fate of those separated from God, whether kids and grandkids or loved ones who have strayed from the Lord.

Where we run into the limits of our pain and discouragement is exactly the place where God wants to meet us. “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles” (2Cor1:3-4NIV). We recognize in that word ‘compassion’ two parts, ‘com’ and ‘passion,’ meaning ‘to suffer with.’ In the fullness of time, God Himself became human. He entered into our condition – He suffered with us – not because He needed anything, but because of our sin and our needs.

“For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows...” He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On Him, we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,” (2Cor1:5,10NIV).

The paradox of Jesus is wrapped up in this: our sin was borne by Him who knew no sin; the punishment that brought us peace

was upon Him; His death was the ransom for us. Freedom flows into our lives through Jesus’ suffering, and we are restored into the right relationship between us and God when we accept Jesus’ sacrifice. We never suffer alone, not from pain inflicted on us, nor from the pain of our own making.

What are you suffering with? God wants you to know that you are not alone. Our heavenly Father loves you; He gave his only begotten Son to suffer for you, and He will send His Eternal Spirit to abide with you through whatever comes.

“But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On Him, we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us” 2Cor1:9-10NIV

In some seasons we are engulfed in discouragement. Would you let that remind you, that is exactly where God steps in.

Rev. Todd Render is pastor of the Alliance Church and a retired medical device engineer. He and his wife, Lori, relocated from Fort Wayne in 2016 and have three grown children. Render has an MS in mechanical engineering from Purdue University and an MA in ministry from Grace Theological Seminary. To start a conversation or make a comment, go to our website at www.wabashalliancechurch.com. We'd love to hear from you.

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levels back to normal, which they are now. We will be doing a full review of the incident to determine the potential cause or causes to prevent any future similar incidents,” said Loughmiller. “We are not aware of this happening in the past.”

Loughmiller said their

testing in the system found levels within the normal range, which is up to 4 parts per million, and reading in a transmission line slightly more than that.

“We have not been made aware of any excessive levels from customer taps and we did not receive any calls yesterday from customers regarding chlorine odors,” said Loughmiller. “Many parts of the system

maintained normal levels throughout, and through our testing in the distribution system, we found that all chlorine levels were within the normal range by Thursday evening.”

For more information, call 800-492-8373 or visit am-water.com.

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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:43 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:10 a.m.

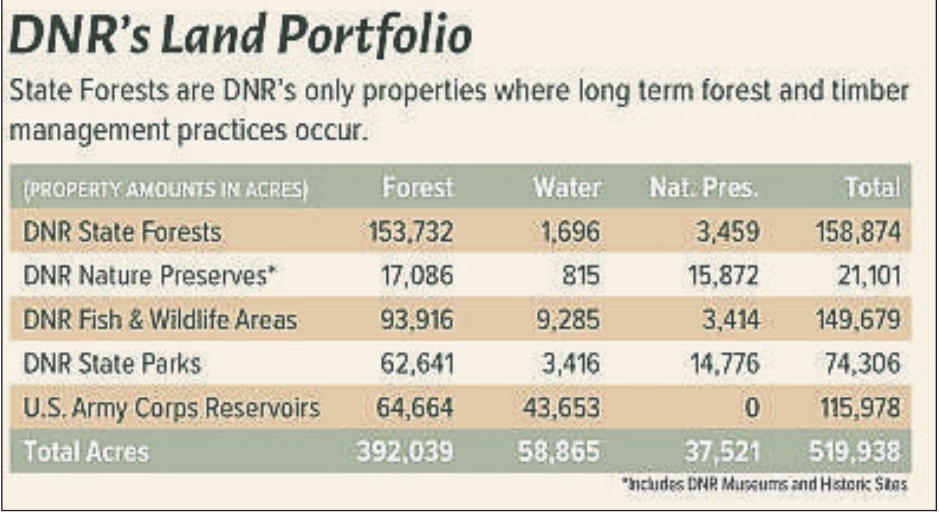
 <p>New 11/4</p>	 <p>First 11/11</p>	 <p>Full 11/19</p>	 <p>Last 11/27</p>
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with an 85% chance of showers, high temperature of 56°, humidity of 84%. South southeast wind 10 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of showers, overnight low of 45°. West northwest wind 6 to 11 mph.



This graphic shows statistics on Salamonie as a whole, and the improvement area, specifically.



This graphic shows statistics on various DNR properties.

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timber management practices occur. Salamonie River State Forest has been a part of the Division of Forestry since 1935.

“The property offers camping, hiking, horseback riding, mushroom gathering, etc., as well as hunting opportunities. Through forest management, the Division of Forestry also provides unique forest habitat for numerous wildlife species, including habitat for some

federal and state threatened species,” said Brindle.

Brindle said the driving factor for this operation is the management of Salamonie River State Forest and improving the bio-diversity.

“Simply destroying the removed trees would not make practical or environmental sense,” said Brindle. “Licensed timber buyers will be able to bid on this operation.”

Brindle said the revenue will help fund the Division of Forestry operations, such as the seedling nursery at Valonia, the Million Trees

by 2025 project and continued recreational and forest improvements.

“Our magnificent state forests are in the condition Hoosiers enjoy today largely because of the forest management performed by past generations. The management to be done at Salamonie River State Forest will improve and maintain this area for future generations,” said DNR director Dan Bortner.

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Penix said this event is a continuation of the prayer events they have held at Wabash City Park since the National Day of Prayer in May.

“Participants are encouraged to come and pray for the persecuted church worldwide,” said Penix. “More than ever before, our brothers and sisters around the world are suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ. Families are being forcibly separated, parents put in prisons, children kidnapped in large numbers, churches burned and tens of thousands of Christians are martyred because they claim Jesus as their savior. The persecuted are praying for

US to be strong and faithful. Please join with us to pray for them.”

Penix said those who attend will be given a special edition magazine of “Voice of the Martyrs” and a prayer guide.

“The weather may be cool, so please dress appropriately,” said Penix. “We hope to see many of you. God is at work.”

In September, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11, Common Ground Prayer Ministry organized another prayer gathering, also at Wabash City Park.

These special events are in addition to the work Common Ground Prayer Ministry conducts each week.

Penix said from noon to 1 p.m. each Thursday at Common Ground Prayer


Ministry they have an open time “to focus prayer on our nation.”

Penix said their other current times open to praying with the community are 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, when they are open for people to come there for prayer, as they have two or more people there to pray with them.

Penix said they also hold regular prayer times from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, “with a focus on the community.”

To sign up for a time, visit www.praywabash.org or call or text Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047, Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072 or Penix at 260-571-9809.

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Obituaries

Karen M. Beyer

Oct. 14, 1952 – Oct. 28, 2021

Karen M. Beyer, 69, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 8:51 am, Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021, at Wellbrooke of Wabash. She was born on Oct. 14, 1952, in Rudolph, Wisconsin, to George II and Viola (Roseno) Pongratz.

Karen was a 1970 graduate of Omro High School in Omro, Wisconsin. She married Rickie D. Beyer in Omro on Oct. 13, 1973. She was a homemaker and also volunteered at Helping Hands in Wabash. Karen moved to Wabash in June of 2003. She was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church in Wabash. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, and was an avid Green Bay Packers and Chicago Cubs fan.

She is survived by her husband, Rickie Beyer of Wabash, two sons, Jeffrey Beyer of Wild Rose, Wisconsin, and Jacob Beyer of Wabash, granddaughter, Clara Beyer of Wild Rose, and four brothers, George (Darlene) Pongratz III of Sherry, Wisconsin, David Pongratz of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Jerome (Sharon) Pongratz of Berlin, Wisconsin, and Lester (Jane) Pongratz of Borth, Wisconsin. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Michael Pongratz and James Pongratz, and two sisters, Georgiana Collins



and Caroline Hobbs.

Funeral services will be 10:00 am, Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 188 W. Sinclair, Wabash, with Father Levi Nkwocha officiating. Friends may call 2-5 pm Sunday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave, Wabash, with a Rosary Service at 5. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash, at a later date. There will be a Celebration of Life Service Gathering, from 1-4 pm Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Omro.

Preferred memorial is St. Bernard Catholic School.

The memorial guest book for Karen may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Ted R. Heckman

Dec. 16, 1949 – Oct. 25, 2021

Ted R. Heckman, 71, of rural Lagro, Indiana, and Marion, Indiana, died at 11:40 am, Monday, Oct. 25, 2021, at his family farm in Lagro. He was born on Dec. 16, 1949, in Wabash, Indiana, to Dward Victor "DV" and Julia (Haupt) Heckman.

Ted was a 1967 graduate of Northfield High School, where he served in the FFA and was a 4-H member. He received his bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Purdue University in 1972. He served in the US Air Force 4 years as a 2nd Lieutenant. Ted worked for Delco Remy and Delphi his entire career. He enjoyed airplanes, electronics, family and family gatherings, reading, watching old movies, flower gardening, community meals, and using and working on his Farmall 706.



He is survived by his brother, Edward (Joan) Heckman of Avon, Indiana, two nephews, Scott Heckman of Englewood, Colorado, and Doug (Tracy) Heckman of Avon, Indiana, great nephews, Brett, and Luis, and his great niece, Lucy. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be 3:00 pm, Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Conrad Thompson officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery, Urbana. Friends may call 1-3 pm Saturday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is St. Peter's Cemetery.

The memorial guest book for Ted may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Nancy Yeatter West (Mrs. Sare)

Nov. 15, 1953 – Oct. 24, 2021

Nancy Yeatter West (Mrs. Sare), 67, Roann, Indiana, passed away Oct. 24, 2021 at her home.

Nancy was born on Nov. 15, 1953.

Family and friends may call Friday, Nov. 12, 2021 from 2 to 8 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. A celebration of Nancy's life will take place

Saturday, Nov.13, 2021 at 5 p.m. at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley Street, North Manchester, Indiana, with calling beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The family of Nancy Yeatter West has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

Condolences may be emailed to mckeemortuary.com

Eric Lee Sledge

Family of Eric Lee Sledge, will receive friends from 2-3 pm, Monday, November 1,

2021 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash.

Lawrence Joseph 'Larry' Staats

Funeral services for Lawrence Joseph "Larry" Staats, will be 4:00 pm, Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at

Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, Roann. Friends may call 4-7 pm Monday, at the funeral home.

Zion Lutheran Church annual holiday bazaar planned

Zion Lutheran Church's annual holiday bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at 173 Hale Drive,

according to a press release. Some of the items offered are baked goods, candy, noodles, crafts and decorations.

Woman's Clubhouse to hold November luncheon

The historic Woman's Clubhouse will host its Tuesday, Nov. 9 monthly luncheon and program, according to a press release. The program will follow, with Ellen Stouffer as the presenter. Please make your reservations for the lun-

cheon by Friday, Nov. 5 by calling Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613 or Jody LaSalle at 619-990-7088.

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music by Adam Strack on Market Street Grill's outdoor balcony, bounce house and glow sticks courtesy of New Song Church, variety of local food trucks, Wabash Fire Department Fire Engine, Wabash Police Department officer and squad car, fall photo booth by Kaleigh M. Photography, life-size elephant sculpture at Modoc's Market, a variety of community vendors on Miami Street and Trolley No. 85 will run a route in downtown Wabash. In the case of rain or inclement weather, Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31 in downtown Wabash. The city of Wabash's trick-or-treat hours are from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31.

Annual Dash in the Bash 5K planned at the Wabash County YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the Annual Dash in the Bash 5K for Saturday, Oct. 30. Registration is open with early bird pricing of \$25. Sign up online or by stopping by the Member Services Desk at the YMCA. Proceeds benefit the Promise Indiana Wabash County Scholarship Fund. For more information, visit www.wabashcountymca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org. To make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.wabashcountymca.org/support-y/donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountymca.org.

Dr. Ford Home announces 'fun, family-friendly' event lineup

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash's trick-or-treat hours; and Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home.

Manchester students organize an event to recruit and promote diversity and inclusion

On Monday, Nov. 1, Manchester University will host Diversity & Inclusion: Embracing the Infinite Worth of Every Individual. The event will be on the North Manchester campus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit <https://bestself.manchester.edu/diversityinclusioneventnov12021/> or www.manchester.edu and click on Visit MU.

Step Afrika! kicks off November Values, Ideas and the Arts series at Manchester

Manchester University's Values, Ideas and the Arts series presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. They are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Some will be live-streamed at www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for viewing updates. Nov. 1, Step Afrika! will blend percussive dance styles practiced at historically Black colleges; traditional African dances; and an array of contemporary dance and art forms. Nov. 8, the Rev. Steve Miller of the Truth & Reconciliation Oral History Project will speak about the power of spoken and documented words – our stories – to heal and create spiritual and social change. Nov. 15, Manchester University Success Advisor Chasity Lucio, a member of

the Mi'kmaq Nation, will share what it is like to negotiate two lives, one being part of a collective community/culture, and the other being in the Midwest. Nov. 22, Martin Garcia Chavez, a 2016 Manchester graduate, will speak about his experience at MU and how it has helped him refine and fulfill his dream as a chemist. Nov. 29, Lucas Al-Zoughbi, a doctoral student and University Distinguished Fellow at Michigan State University, will share his own experiences and offers an introduction to the Palestinian struggle against Israeli settler-colonialism. The series wraps up for the semester on Dec. 6 with a presentation by Manchester University Archivist Jeanine Wine.

Friends of the NMPL to hold handmade quilt raffle

The Friends of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) will raffie off a handmade quilt by Cass Rish. Tickets will be sold from Monday, Nov. 1 through Tuesday, Nov. 23 at the NMPL. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the front desk for \$5 apiece or five tickets for \$20. Cash, checks or credit cards are all accepted. The winner will be drawn at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. Participants do not need to be present to win. For more information, call 260-982-4773 or email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Nov. 2, 2021; Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Salamonie 'Tweens Among the Trees' Forest School planned

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Nov. 3, 2021; Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. The program fee for the package of six sessions is \$60 per child, ages 6 to 13; additional siblings are \$50. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Old Fort Cluster Dog Shows 2021 planned

The Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club will host the Old Fort Cluster Dog Shows 2021 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Thursday, Nov. 4 through Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne. The show will be free to attend Thursday, Nov. 4 and Friday, Nov. 5. An entry fee of \$7 for adults on Saturday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 7 includes all of the events. Children's admission is free with a donation to the Pet Food Pantry of Fort Wayne. For more information, call 443-465-4703.

Dick Quigley Music Festival planned for November

The annual Dick Quigley Music Festival has been planned for the first and second weekends in November in Peru. Rob Noftsgen's Fascinating Rhythm, sponsored by Peru Maennerchor, has been planned from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at 154 S. Wabash St., Peru. The event will feature "the usual" carry-in dinner. Combo Night, sponsored by Peru Maennerchor and featuring the No Regrets Blues Band, has been planned for 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 at 154 S. Wabash St., Peru. Big Band Night, featuring the 19-piece Quigley Jazz Band, has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Riverview Event Center, 421 W. Canal St., Peru.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold November meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the Americans (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be about the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 24 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Adam Bartrom to provide insight for a strong 2022 at GWC event

Grow Wabash County (GWC) will be hosting Adam Bartrom of Barnes & Thornburg out of Fort Wayne for a lunch and learn event from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the GWC conference room, 214 S. Wabash St. This event is free for Grow Wabash County investors and \$10 for the general public. Lunch will be provided, but space is limited and registration is required. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/bartrom.

Manchester takes on U Can Crush Hunger 2021 challenge

Manchester University and others are trying to collect 100,000 pounds of food for Community Harvest Food Bank before Friday, Nov. 12. You may help by visiting https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=3H2RHHBKK9GBS. If you would like to donate but are unable to put out donations, email serviceengagement@manchester.edu.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra invites entries for concerto competition

In advance of the March 13, 2022 concert, the Manchester Symphony Orchestra invites vocalists, pianists and instrumentalists to register for its 2021-2022 season concerto competition. Competitors must be enrolled in a high school, home school

program, college or university during the fall semester of 2021 to be eligible. The application fee is \$25. There are scholarship awards for high school division winners and cash awards for collegiate division winners. The competition is Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at Manchester University, and competition winners will perform with the orchestra at 3 p.m. March 13, 2022, during the Trailblazers concert. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Admission is free for MU students, faculty and staff, as well as anyone age 18 and younger. Visit www.manchestersymphonyorchestra.org to buy tickets or register for the competition.

Manchester Civic Band plans Timbercrest and Peabody live performances

A Manchester Civic Band performance at Peabody Retirement Community has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

WACT plans Christmas Madrigal Dinner Theater

On Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4, in conjunction with Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, the Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) will share its biennial Christmas Madrigal Dinner Theater in the Honeywell Center's Legacy Hall. The cost is \$49 per person, which includes dinner and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased through the Honeywell Center Box Office, 275 W. Market St., by phone at 260-563-1102 or by visiting www.honeywellarts.org.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with these concerts in the works: Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021, in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Hely-Hutchinson, Sleigh Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater's Waltz by Émile Waldteufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra's concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn's five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

American Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity

An American Red Cross blood drive in honor of Kole Adamiec, 6, of North Manchester, who is fighting cancer, has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at Manchester Elementary School, 301 S. River Road, North Manchester. To donate blood, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God –this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1

OUR TAKE

Republicans try to have it both ways on Trump

Glenn Youngkin is the US Republicans' identity crisis in microcosm. To win the governorship of Virginia, with its suburban moderates, the former private equity star is running as a mild, Chamber of Commerce conservative. At the same time, he winks and nods to a party base that still adores Donald Trump. He neither shares a stage with the former president nor actively renounces him. He worries about the integrity of ballot machines without claiming that Trump was swindled out of a second term. His Democratic opponent, Terry McAuliffe, mocks this coy little dance. Barack Obama has done the same. But if Youngkin wins next Tuesday, or even comes close, Republicans will sense they have a template

for the 2022 midterms. They will need one. The aroma of the last administration is not abating. Last week, Congress found former Trump aide Steve Bannon in contempt for ignoring a subpoena about the Capitol siege of January 6. Trump himself is holding rallies and amassing funds for a putative tilt at the White House. The late Colin Powell and John McCain are among those he has disparaged of late. And all of this he is pulling off without access to a social media megaphone (though he is making one of his own). Faced with Trump's eternal relevance, Mitch McConnell, who leads the party in the Senate, joins Youngkin in splitting the difference between the Never Trump and MAGA wings of the U.S. right. Next to

outright submission to the man, this is progress of a sort. Morally, however, and perhaps even electorally, it is not enough. On the first score, Republicans still find it hard to state the obvious: that Joe Biden was the winner of a free and fair presidential election. "I do think we need to be thinking about the future and not the past," passed for a slap-down of Trump from McConnell last week. There are prominent Republicans who won't even go that far. With such tentative leaders, it is unsurprising that the theft narrative has become so entrenched among the party's grassroots. Only nine Republicans in the House of Representatives voted for the contempt charge against Bannon. In January, over a hundred voted against the

certification of the election result. Even the cold politics here are questionable. The party's plan is becoming clear: to keep its head down and profit from an increasingly hapless White House. That way, it can win back Congressional and then presidential power without the hard work of purging Trump or crafting a new Republicanism. As a tactic, it has surface plausibility. Youngkin's performance in a state that Biden carried by ten points proves as much. The trouble is that opposition parties often gain between presidential elections. In those years, voters compare the incumbents with an ideal alternative, not the one that actually exists. It is why the Republicans surged after Obama's election in 2008, only to see

him re-elected four years later. For now, it is enough not to be Biden, who has spent much of the year haggling with his own side over things that voters regard as second-order. In 2022 or 2024, those suburban moderates might be more exacting in their scrutiny of the alternative. This will be doubly true if Trump is by then a declared candidate for the White House. There is a difference between a cute gambit and a durable strategy, and the Youngkin-McConnell dance has more of the first than the second about it. The party may think it is dodging or finessing the awkward question of its relationship with the former president. In truth, it is only putting it off. This editorial was first published in the Financial Times.



HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Oct. 30, the 303rd day of 2021. There are 62 days left in the year. Highlight in history: On Oct. 30, 1974, Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman in the eighth round of a 15-round bout in Kinshasa, Zaire, known as the "Rumble in the Jungle," to regain his world heavyweight title. On this date: In 1938, the radio play "The War of the Worlds," starring Orson Welles, aired on CBS. In 2002, Jam Master Jay (Jason Mizell), a rapper with the hip-hop group Run-DMC, was killed in a shooting in New York.

He was 37. In 2005, the body of Rosa Parks arrived at the U.S. Capitol, where the civil rights icon became the first woman to lie in honor in the Rotunda; President George W. Bush and congressional leaders paused to lay wreaths by her casket. Today's Birthdays: Rock singer Grace Slick is 82. R&B singer Otis Williams (The Temptations) is 80. Actor Henry Winkler is 76. Actor Harry Hamlin is 70. Rock singer-musician Gavin Rossdale (Bush) is 56. Actor Tequan Richmond is 29. Actor Kennedy McMann is 25. - The Associated Press

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter from Manchester University president on the issue of racism

Manchester has a long-standing commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion – but, for a variety of reasons, our progress hasn't matched our commitment. We can – and must – do better. In 2020, our Board of Trustees identified diversity, equity and inclusion as one of its five strategic imperatives, and created a permanent board committee specifically to focus on these issues. This past weekend, the trustees unanimously passed an Anti-Racism Statement, which renews the University's commitment to stand against racism and the systems that perpetuate injustice and inequity. This statement gives added weight and urgency to the work ahead. It promises real action and dismantling of any systems that stand in our way. In addition to discussing and passing this statement, the board also heard from a panel of undergraduate students about their personal experiences at Manchester. All of us need to hear and understand the experiences of colleagues and students who are marginalized at Manchester and in our country, to become a fully welcoming and inclusive community. We must acknowledge missteps of the past, and the unconscious biases built into our institutional policies and practices. We need to focus on equity – not just equality – to address unbalanced systems and barriers. Fixing institutional racism means being willing to tear down existing systems at Manchester, and creating new processes that truly live up to this responsibility. Unquestionably, this work will be difficult – but it is also necessary. Our trustees are enthused and committed to doing this hard work, and their determination aligns with other diversity, equity and inclusion efforts the University has undertaken in recent months, including the creation of the President's Diversity and Inclusion Council and its

collaboration with the Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Multicultural Affairs to develop a University-wide Strategic Diversity Plan. We're also providing colleague education and training, and increasing our awareness through VIAs, discussion groups, book clubs and films. On the academic side, we are focusing on "inclusive excellence" to create an environment that not only welcomes students of various backgrounds but also enriches the collective learning experience. Some may ask why we didn't do this sooner, and with good reason. These values have been part of the ethos of Manchester for many years but, to date, our efforts and systems simply haven't produced sufficient transformation. By issuing this Anti-Racism Statement, our board is challenging us to act decisively, adding new weight and urgency to our work. Thank you to the trustees on the board's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee – co-chairs Madalyn Metzger '99 and Mark Rosenbury '69, who developed the statement; and Jim Colon '74, Chris Craig '82, Ding-Jo Currie '75 and Lily Qi '91 – as well as trustees Jeff Carter and Cheryl Green '82 for their contributions. In the weeks and months ahead, students and colleagues will have opportunities to be part of building momentum for real change. Without it, we cannot discover our best selves as individuals or as a community. Dave McFadden '82 President, Manchester University Anti-racism statement by Manchester University Board of Trustees The Manchester University Board of Trustees stands against racism and systems that perpetuate racial injustice, and we commit to standing against all forms of racism, discrimination, bias, privilege, abusive power, supremacy and racial/ethnic hierarchy. In living out our mission to respect the infinite worth of every person and graduate

individuals of ability and conviction who will make a positive impact on the world, it is our responsibility to recognize, understand and dismantle all the ways systemic racism and oppression impacts under-represented, under-served and marginalized students, faculty and staff. To fulfill this responsibility, we will ensure that all inequitable and unjust systems, policies, practices and institutional norms identified are replaced by those designed to cultivate a more diverse, equitable and inclusive Manchester University community. Manchester University has long valued and respected racial, ethnic, cultural and religious differences. But, we acknowledge our missteps and complicity along our journey. More work is needed to confront inequalities and we unequivocally embrace the institutional change necessary to make the world a more just and inclusive place, as we build peace amid strife, and model lives of agape (selfless love), tik-kun olam (repairing a broken world) and salam (peace). We commit that our diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism work will be open, transparent and accountable. We will listen and learn from each other. We will hear and amplify the voices of those who have been marginalized. And we will create opportunities to generate individual and institutional transformation. It is our responsibility to work together with intentionality and clarity and to advance true progress for the Manchester University community and our world. This work will not be easy or quick, but it is imperative for our future. We invite all who are part of our institution to join us in this call, so that – together – we are better able to improve the human condition. Manchester University Board of Trustees New nonstop flights replace driving, deliver luxury at an economy ticket price The launch of Contour Airlines' operations out of

the Indianapolis International Airport (IND) this month was an accomplishment long in the making, a demonstration of what it means to hold onto a vision and plan even in the toughest of times, and the response to something Hoosiers have been requesting for years. Connecting flights or driving: Those have long been the two options for Hoosiers trying to reach regional destinations for business and leisure. Travelers have been asking for nonstop flights to regional markets, like Nashville, Pittsburgh and others, for years. Yet it can take years to bring a new airline into a city, or even to secure new nonstop flights to unserved destinations. It can be like putting together a jigsaw puzzle, an incredibly difficult task of finding the right airline for the right market with the right aircraft –and with enough demand to maximize its use. Regardless of the challenge, the Indianapolis Airport Authority set out to do the arduous but rewarding work of making regional, daily nonstop flights a reality – and we had a respected, reputable, safe, and reliable airline that was ideal for the task. Enter Contour Airlines. Our relationship with Contour began in 2017, and our work with them culminated into success in February 2020, when during the world's most premier air service conference, Routes Americas, hosted in Indianapolis, Contour Airlines initially announced plans to fly out of IND. Yet even the best-laid plans can hit some turbulence along the way. And the global pandemic was like hitting a category 5 hurricane in terms of industry impact. When the pandemic escalated, plans for regional air service were put on hold. But throughout the past 18 months, the IAA remained engaged with Contour to determine the right time to resume their Indy plans. As passenger traffic recovered during summer 2021, Contour revived its plans for the long-awaited regional destinations. On July 28, Contour once again announced their plans to launch operations out of Indy. Those plans came to fruition on Oct. 12 when Contour

launched its inaugural non-stop daily flights in triplicate to the regional markets of Nashville (BNA), Pittsburgh (PIT) and Milwaukee (MKE). The first passengers to experience the new regional flights boarded Contour's spacious Embraer 135/145 aircraft, paying an economy ticket fare. Yet the flight delivered luxuriously wide leather seats and spacious legroom traditionally reserved only for first-class. And instead of a four- to six-hour drive, passengers arrived in roughly an hour. For business travelers, in which time is money, they can now reach Nashville, Milwaukee and Pittsburgh more quickly, efficiently – and daily. Leisure travelers can now save time and money in visiting family, traveling with friends or taking a short getaway thanks to Contour's new regional air service from Indy. And all Hoosier travelers can experience their flight in a luxury reminiscent of the golden age of air travel. That's delivering a superior customer experience, the kind that makes IND the best airport in North America. Welcome to the Hoosier state, Contour. Mario Rodriguez Executive Director, Indianapolis Airport Authority Young and Braun should support cultivated-meat research If Sens. Todd Young and Mike Braun care a whit about animal welfare, they should support increased funding for cultivated-meat research. For those who don't know, cultivated meat is grown from cells, without slaughter. It has the potential to save countless animals from unimaginable suffering. While the U.S. Department of Agriculture is giving money to Tufts University, to establish a National Institute for Cellular Agriculture, more funding is necessary. This will help address challenges in the field, such as reaching price parity with slaughtered meat. Legislators should support this effort. Jon Hochschartner Granby, Connecticut

Lifestyles

Self-care with chocolate

In uncertain times, it’s important to take a moment to reflect on the simpler things in our lives that bring us genuine pleasure. Family and friends? Absolutely.

Lynda Balslev



Good health and thriving children? You bet. Sultry sunsets and autumn foliage? Thank you very much. But right now, I prefer to focus on another joy: chocolate. While chocolate is not a cure-all, let’s be frank. Chocolate is a delight to eat. It can also be healthy (in moderation, straight up, and preferably as dark as you can take it). Chocolate is believed to be an antioxidant. According to the Mayo Clinic, chocolate’s main ingredient, cocoa, contains flavanols that fight cell damage and may help to lower blood pressure. Chocolate also causes your brain to release endorphins, those feel-good chemicals, which make you feel happy. Now, this is not to say you should overindulge in chocolate, but in the spirit of simple pleasures, chocolate ranks

near the top of the list, with a few healthy properties to boot. I will be honest: This recipe is about a fudgy brownie and not a bar of unsweetened 100 percent sustainably sourced dark chocolate. The ratio of chocolate to flour in this recipe is wildly out of balance (chocolate wins), which yields a rich and dense brownie. In other words, it’s hardly fat- and sugar-free. This recipe does, however, fall into the category of a luscious treat to enjoy in moderation. (Tip: Cut them in small bites. That way you can eat two.) More important, when you serve them to your friends and loved ones, it will bring a smile to their faces. And these days, generating smiles on the faces of people who are near and dear to us is another genuine pleasure. Ideally, make these brownies one day ahead of serving. (I know, I know, this is a big ask, so no

judgment if you can’t wait.) The overnight chill will allow them to set, ensuring easy and neat cutting and a dense, fudgy interior.

Cure-all Fudgy Brownies
Active time: 20 minutes
Total time: 1 hour
Yield: Makes about 36 small brownies
1 cup unsalted butter, plus extra for greasing the pan
12 ounces high-quality dark chocolate (70 percent), coarsely chopped
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
3 large eggs, room temperature
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9-inch-square baking pan. Line the bottom with parchment paper with a 2-inch overhang at opposite ends for easy removal. Melt the butter and chocolate in a double boiler or

heatproof bowl set over a saucepan of barely simmering water, stirring occasionally, until smooth. Remove from the heat. Whisk the flour, baking powder and salt together in a bowl. Whisk the eggs and sugar in a large bowl until fluffy and light in color. Add the chocolate and vanilla and stir to combine. Add the flour and stir to combine without overmixing. Pour the batter into prepared pan. Bake until the top is set and beginning to crack, and when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out nearly clean, 30 to 35 minutes. (The brownies will be fudgy.) Transfer to a rack and cool completely. Run a knife around the edge of the brownies to loosen from the pan, then cover the pan with foil and refrigerate overnight. (This step is optional, but it will allow you to cut clean squares.) The next day, remove the brownies from the pan by the lifting parchment paper at the sides. Cut in small squares. Keep the brownies stored in the refrigerator, and they’ll be good for up to one week – if they last that long.



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

The ‘Great Resignation’ is leaving many Americans wondering: Should I pay off my mortgage early?

It’s been drilled into Americans that a mortgage is good debt, a liability that shouldn’t give you pause, even after you retire.

But the pandemic has been shaking up a lot of old financial rules. The “Great

Resignation,” as it’s being called for those quitting their jobs, is making a lot of homeowners wonder if they should consider paying off their mortgage early.

Michelle Singletary



A record 4.3 million U.S. workers quit their jobs in August, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. With covid still surging in areas, working comes with health risks for many people. The pay isn’t enough to offset the possibility of getting covid, so they quit. For others, the pandemic death toll has made them wonder if their work took too much precedence over living their best life.

While not everyone who quits can afford to get rid of their mortgage early, for those who have the option, the question is: Why not?

I spoke with two experts to get their take on the pros and cons of paying off a mortgage early. Let’s start with some of the cons.

Being house poor

“I owe just under \$80,000 on my home mortgage,” one

reader wrote. “I am retired, and I have the cash to pay the loan, but it will wipe out over half of my savings. I am on track to pay the mortgage in less than three years.”

As much as you may want to rid yourself of your mortgage, don’t do it if you’ll leave yourself with an inadequate savings cushion, says Michael Roberts, a professor of finance at Wharton.

Less to invest

“The easiest way to distill the decision down is to think of it in terms of opportunity cost,” Roberts said.

Ask yourself this question: Is the interest on my mortgage greater than what I can earn from saving or investing this money?

Loss of mortgage interest deduction

If you itemize, you can deduct home mortgage interest on the first \$750,000 (\$375,000 if married filing separately). The limit is \$1 million (\$500,000 if married filing separately) if you are deducting mortgage interest for a home purchased before Dec. 16, 2017.

Even if you take the deduction for mortgage interest, don’t overestimate its value. This tax break is a deduction, not a credit. A tax credit reduces, dollar for dollar, the taxes you owe. A deduction eliminates only a percentage of your income subject to taxation. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act nearly doubled the stan-

dard deduction, resulting in fewer taxpayers itemizing deductions on their tax returns.

Now let’s look at some positive reasons to pay off your mortgage early.

Better cash flow

The mortgage for most Americans is their biggest household expense. Getting rid of that obligation frees up a significant amount of cash every month. We already know, based on data from the Federal Reserve, that many households have trouble responding to a financial emergency without having to borrow money.

Sandy Marasco paid the \$22,000 remaining balance of her mortgage with savings, which was costing her \$1,200. She has a 401(k) but can get by on Social Security and a small pension.

“I finally decided to retire, and I wanted to get my monthly expenses down as much as possible,” she said. “I went through my younger years with too much debt. Something disastrous would have to happen for me not to have a place to live.”

Guaranteed return

One of the reasons people are often discouraged from paying off their home loans is that they are told they can earn more by investing in the stock market.

But this advice ignores risk, says Christine Benz, director of personal finance for Morningstar.

“If you’re retiring debt, you are getting a positive re-

turn equal to whatever that interest rate was on the debt, less any tax breaks you were getting for carrying it,” Benz said.

For young adult homeowners, they could reasonably outearn that interest rate by investing in the market, and they don’t necessarily need that peace of mind of paying off the mortgage, Benz said. But for people closing in on retirement, or who are retired and have other assets, paying off the mortgage could be a great move.

“One of the best things you can do for your plan is to reduce your fixed expenses coming into retirement,” Benz said. “Reduce the head wind of ongoing expenses and that will make you so much more flexible in the face of whatever might happen in your retirement, whether it’s big health-care bills or a bad stock market.”

Roberts also acknowledged that the flip side of investing the money for a higher return is recognizing that past performance of the stock market does not guarantee future results.

“If you try to find an investment that guarantees you an income at the same rate of return, it will almost surely be lower than what you’re paying on your mortgage,” he said.

Peace of mind

“There’s sort of a big psychological burden that’s lifted,” Roberts said. “So having the overhang of

debt payments constantly is psychologically important. And that might sound odd coming from an economist, but it’s precisely because I’m an economist that I can recognize the importance of psychological factors.”

If you have the money to pay off the mortgage and there’s not a liquidity issue, meaning you have enough in savings, then your financial peace of mind is a legitimate factor in this decision, Benz said.

One Maryland couple plans to retire their mortgage early in December. They are both retired and have more than adequate savings. Their mortgage wouldn’t have been paid off until 2043.

“Most people keep telling us, ‘You’re always going to owe something,’ “ the husband said. “Most people just don’t believe they can be debt-free. But I just keep remembering the loss of the mortgage payment will help us to save and give more.”

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Decorating a cake with glitter? Check that it’s edible

By CANDICE CHOI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — They make cakes and cupcakes sparkle and shine, but popular decorative glitters can contain toxic metals and aren’t always safe to eat.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a report Thursday that the products known as “luster dust” aren’t all meant to be eaten even if they’re labeled “nontoxic.” Some should be used for display only, like on a cake topper that’s removed.

The report cites investigations by health officials in two states that traced illnesses to baked goods using such dusts.

Rhode Island health officials investigated a report in 2018 of six children becoming sick after a birthday party, with symptoms including vomiting and diarrhea that were consistent with heavy metal poisoning. They all ate a bakery cake with a thick layer of frosting mixed with a “gold dust.”


Testing of a leftover slice of the cake showed it contained copper, as did tests on dust used by the bakery. The report notes the dust was marked as “nonedible,” “nontoxic” and “for decoration only.”



Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD


Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


BAPTIST


Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro Mass Time: 11 a.m. First Sunday of the month throughout the year except January and February. Let us worship together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

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 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.



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been vaccinated. Statewide, that figure sits at 57.4 percent, as of Friday, Oct. 29.

State officials have continued to encourage those who can be vaccinated to do so to prevent the spread to more vulnerable populations.

“Throughout the pandemic, we have seen that individuals who are elderly or have underlying medical conditions such as heart or lung disease, diabetes or weakened immune systems are at higher risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19,” said ISDH media relations coordinator Megan Wade-Taxter.

This effort was given a shot in the arm recently when the ISDH announced Friday, Oct. 22 that they would begin offering booster doses of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine to eligible Hoosiers following federal authorization of the additional dose. Booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine have been available since late September.

On Thursday, Oct. 21, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) approved the administration of a booster dose of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine to counter waning immunity. The FDA and CDC have previously authorized booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine in specific populations, as well as the third dose of Pfizer or Moderna for immunocompromised individuals.

The CDC has recommended boosters for individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Groups eligible for a booster shot at six months or more after their initial series include those who are 65 years and older, those age 18 and older who live in long-term care settings, age 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions and those age 18 and older who work or live in high-risk settings.

Booster doses are also recommended for anyone 18 or older who got the sin-

gle-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine two or more months ago.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC’s recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

“The approval of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson boosters will help provide additional protection to many Hoosiers, especially our most vulnerable residents in long-term care facilities and others who are most at risk,” said State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG. “The COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide strong protection against severe illness and death. Whether Hoosiers are getting their first dose or a booster shot, they will find vaccines widely available across the state.”

Eligible Hoosiers who want to obtain a booster dose can go to www.ourshot.in.gov to find a location or call 211 for assistance. Upon arriving at the vaccination clinic, Hoosiers will be asked to attest that they meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the EUA.

In addition to the announcement of booster shots, state officials have also begun preparing for the arrival of vaccine doses for younger children.

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, the ISDH, in partnership with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, announced they would extend the COVID-19 vaccination and testing clinic being held outside the Speedway until Saturday, Nov. 20 to accommodate those seeking booster doses and in anticipation of approval of vaccines for children ages 5 to 11.

The clinics are being held in the INDYCAR parking lot at 4551 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, across from Gate 2. The two-dose Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and single-dose Johnson

& Johnson vaccine will be offered. Vaccinations and testing are being offered from noon to 8 p.m. today through Friday and from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday this week. Beginning Nov. 2, the clinics will operate from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays through Nov. 20.

Since late September, nearly 5,800 doses of COVID-19 vaccine and more than 5,300 COVID-19 tests have been administered at the IMS site, along with nearly 1,500 flu shots.

Currently, COVID-19 vaccines are available to Hoosiers age 12 and older, and boosters are approved for individuals age 18 and older who meet eligibility rules. The FDA and CDC are expected to announce a decision on administering vaccines to children ages 5 to 11 next week.

Pre-registration is available for COVID-19 vaccinations and testing. To pre-register for a vaccination, go to www.ourshot.in.gov and search by ZIP code 46222. To pre-register for a COVID-19 test at the site, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the testing link at the top of the page, then search for the IMS site. Individuals seeking a Johnson & Johnson booster dose should call 211 to make an appointment or simply walk into the IMS site or any vaccine clinic that carries the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Individuals who visit the site for a vaccine or COVID-19 testing also can receive a flu vaccination while supplies last; individuals age 65 and older who need a high-dose flu vaccine should contact their health-care provider.

No appointments are required for flu vaccinations, which will be available for individuals regardless of insurance status. However, all applicable insurance coverage will be billed for the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainedealer.com.

Manchester University’s Haunted Forest rescheduled to Monday

Manchester University’s Monster Mash Haunted Forest has been rescheduled for 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday in the wooded trails near Schwalm Hall, according to a press release. It is free and open to the public. Young children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The spooky Haunted Forest might be too scary for some children. Manchester asks community members to bring canned good donations. A donation is not required, and any food collected will go toward feeding those in need.

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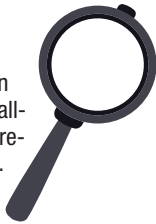


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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church
At the Sunday, Oct. 31 service at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. The worship leader will be Amy Bullick, the music leader Mel Hoover and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The morning message by Pastor Mike Bullick will be titled, "Ritual Rightness."

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ
Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church
Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church
Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church
College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House
The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church
On Sunday, Oct. 31 at Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person mornings Sunday services at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be, "Conquering the Horror of Guilt" from 1 Timothy 1:12-17. The Communion Table will be served by Bill Miller and Chuck Marion. It is "Family Sunday," so there will be no Children's Church provided for the 10:30 a.m. service. The recorded sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group the morning of Sunday, Oct. 31.

LaFontaine Christian Church
The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church
Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church
Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church
Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren
Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church
Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live-streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church
The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God
The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church
Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist
Streaming on their Facebook page.
Sweetwater Assembly of God
Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish
Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren
At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children's church or Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene
Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option

is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God
The sermon can be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM.

Walk by Faith Community Church
At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children's worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. "All are welcomed and we would

love for you to join us," said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.
Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash
Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.
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Dirty shoes create a stink in clean home

DEAR ABBY: I’ve been with my wonderful husband for 15 years. I currently work from home with our small children, ages 4 and 1. I have a “no shoes in the house” policy (always have), but my husband prefers to wear shoes in the house. We have bought numerous pairs of sneakers to be used as inside shoes, but he often wears them outside to mow the grass or run to the gas station.

I do my best to ignore when he leaves dusty boot prints on the floors, but every now and then I call him out on it. When I do, my request is met with rage. He later calms down and apologizes with the excuse, “I just don’t like being told not to wear my shoes in the house.”

It’s a 15-year-old problem that’s not going away and I just don’t know who is right. My husband feels his shoes are clean. I struggle to keep my home clean because my little ones are running around. His disregard seems so disrespectful. He’s overall not a disrespectful person. I’d love an unbiased expert opinion on what’s what. – Barefoot In Montana

DEAR BAREFOOT: Your “wonderful” husband may not be a disrespectful person overall, but in this case, he is being self-centered. With a 4-year-old and a 1-year-old crawling around and playing on the floor, he should be more considerate because there is no telling what he’s tracking in from that run to the gas station. I assume that the dusty footprints are something you are in charge of cleaning up. Perhaps that’s a chore he should assume if changing his shoes is too big an inconvenience for him. He may be a prince in other areas of your marriage, but in this one he is acting like a rebellious teenager.

P.S. I wonder if keeping a supply of disposable shoe covers by the door for him to slip on might mitigate the problem. Who knows?

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been close friends with “Sal” and his wife for many years. Over the last few years, he has transformed into an intolerable, arrogant, self-centered braggart who’s never been wrong or made a mistake. All his conversations start with “I,” and if he’s not talking about himself, he’s not talking at all. He rarely asks how we are doing, but if he does, it just leads into more about himself.

During Sal’s last visit he went on and on about how rich he is and how much he recently made in the market. Because of our long friendship, I’ve considered confronting him, but I see no point because I think he’s an irredeemably arrogant bore. Your thoughts, please? – Fed-Up Friend In The South

DEAR FED-UP FRIEND: Some people behave the way Sal does, believe it or not, out of insecurity. That said, not all friendships last forever. If you feel this one has run its course, then call it a day. Your wife and his can socialize separately. If he asks you why you are no longer available to socialize, you have my permission to give him the reason – without the name-calling.

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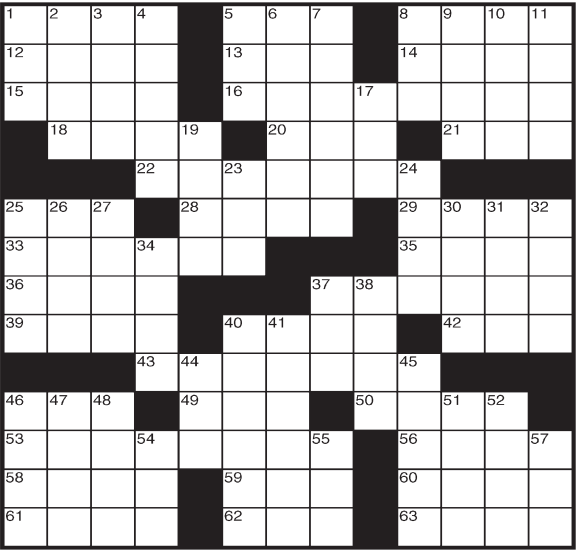
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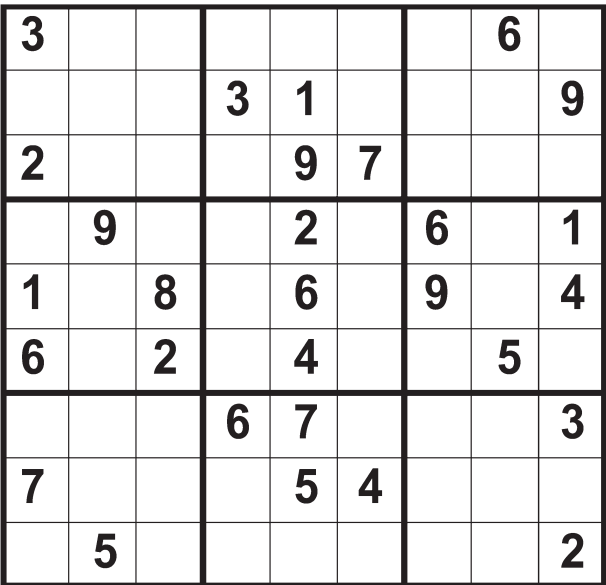
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- 23 Rather or Marino
- 24 Kind of brake
- 25 Flower
- 26 District
- 27 Sketch
- 30 Designer label
- 31 Roof part
- 32 Iowa college town
- 34 Prefix for one billion
- 37 Ms. Landers
- 38 Endure
- 40 Waste time
- 41 Slicker
- 44 Tibetan gazelle
- 45 Trolleys
- 46 Cotton seeders
- 47 In a short time
- 48 In that case (2 wds.)
- 51 Part of a list
- 52 Pancho Villa’s coin
- 54 Yank’s foe
- 55 Comic bit
- 57 Complain persistently



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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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2	3	9	4	1	5	6	7	8
6	1	4	8	3	7	9	2	5

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GAAED

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Yesterday’s

Jumbles: BLUNT SPELL PURELY UNJUST

Answer: When the #1-ranked team lost to the underdog, some fans were — UPSET BY THE UPSET

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

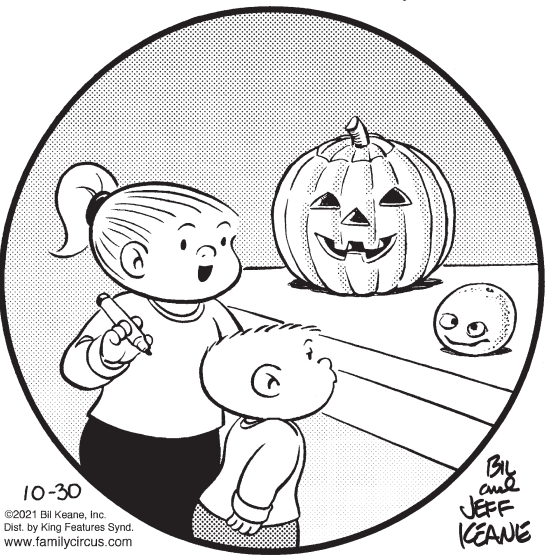


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“I made him a baby out of an orange.”

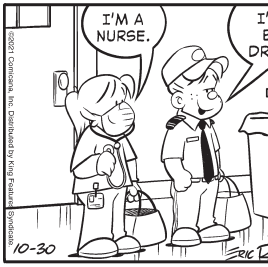
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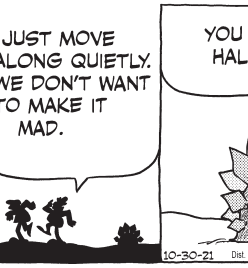
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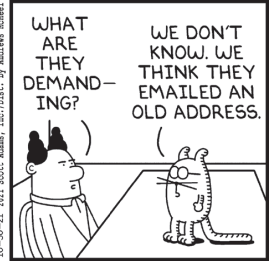
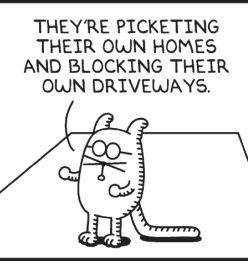
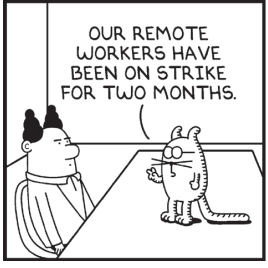
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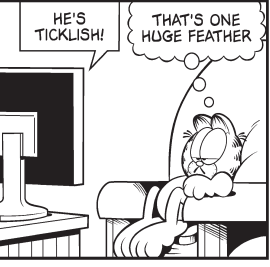
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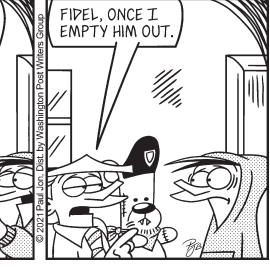
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Feeling of emptiness is the absence of God

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Educators are putting too much pressure on young people today to be successful and make a lot of money. Should that be the highest goal in life? — C.S.

A: We admire those who appear to be successful. We are taught to be independent, to make it on our own. Yet within each of us is a deep-seated frustration: “I ought to be better. I believe I was made for something more; there must be more to life than this. Why am I so empty?”

Such feelings can cause us to struggle toward some unknown, unnamed goal. While we are told to “plan ahead,” few really think about the future. A good many people make spontaneous decisions,

never considering the consequences. When their world begins to crumble, they look back and wonder how they got where they are. They begin to feel empty inside. Their emptiness is the absence of God in their lives.

There was once a brilliant young lawyer who did not seem to find a need for God. He began to write about a famous person, hoping to find a surprising secret to his life. In the process of his research, he discovered that the man had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, which led

the young attorney on his own spiritual quest.

The only answer to filling the empty place in the heart is found only in God. In this Age of quest, the most important is our personal search for answers concerning life that will lead us to the One who created life in the first place. His name is Almighty God and He cares deeply for mankind and proved it by making a way for us to have eternal life and joy unspeakable. “You will show me the path of life; in Your presence [Lord] is fullness of joy” (Psalm 16:11).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“EBRF ZBRKR XM FL KLLO TRCZ
XF BRTT, ZBR GRJG EXTT EJTP
ZBR RJKZB.” — PRF CLKRR
(“GJEF LC ZBR GRJG” — 1978)

Previous Solution: “A wonderful thing about true laughter is that it just destroys any kind of system of dividing people.” — John Cleese

TODAY’S CLUE: S sjenba W

Southwood boys ready to reload after a deep run

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Southwood's boys basketball team experienced their fair share of success last season, finishing the season 17-11 en route to their first semi-state game since 2018.

While the Knights lost to Kouts, 86-70, Southwood head coach John Burrus believes his team is ready to take the next step forward this season with the talent they're preparing to run with.

"I think when you get older in coaching, you get more excited because you know you've been to some things and been through some battles," Burrus said. "You know what it takes to get kids to a certain level to be successful and I can see in these kids that we can get there."

"When you had teams that got to that level then when you have another group come through, you're like, I think these guys can do some really neat things. ... This group has the potential to take Southwood on another run in the tournament."

Last season's deep tourney run was equipped with a roster bolstered by five seniors that made up nearly 82 percent of the team's total scoring average in 65.5 ppg.

Carson Rich led that group with a stellar line of 23.5 ppg, 5.8 rpg and nearly three assists a night while three other seniors in Alex Farr, Connor Rich and Dawson Filip averaged near double figures in scoring each game.

Despite the loss in scoring production, Burrus's 23 years on the sideline have prepared him for such a thing while toying with the way his team

will find success this year compared to seasons past.

"We're going to be different. Every team has a different flavor. ... I think one thing you have to say about our program and our system, we can find different ways to play to our strengths. Our strength this year is going to be defense and rebounding. We're going to be tough to score on and be rugged on the boards," he said.

Backed by one lone senior this season in Derrick Smith, the Knights return talent such as Cole Winer (9.9 ppg) and Jason Oprisek while running with a youthful roster that gained experience from the previous season's deep run along with the Southwood tradition.

"These guys are going to do some neat things," Burrus said. "When they were in sixth grade, they played our seventh-grade schedule because we didn't have enough. ... They've always been used to playing up. They did that all the way through. They've been up against it before."

With a tough schedule looming, Southwood will prepare to begin their season at home on November 23 where they will host Wapahani. The Knights will take part in the annual Wabash County Tournament on Dec. 29 along with county matchups against Manchester on Dec. 17 and Wabash on Jan. 7, 2022.

When the dust of the 2022 season has settled, Burrus wants to feel as if his program has done enough to say that their program is continuing on an upward trajectory.

"I think it's unique because we have all of these juniors,"



Photo by Alina Reed / Plain Dealer
Southwood sophomore Cole Winer shoots for three points during this January game.

Burrus said. "It kind of puts us in a position to kind of build where they're going to get. When this season's over, we want to be in a position where we feel like our program is heading in the right direction. We want these kids to continue to play for championships and just put things on the wall. There's no reason why this team can't continue to do that."

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MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY SPORTS ROUNDUP

By DILLON BENDER

Men's soccer drops 1-0 heartbreaker to Bluffton in season finale

The Manchester University men's soccer team dropped a 1-0 heartbreaker to visiting Bluffton University in the team's regular-season finale on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The stakes were high in Wednesday's game – a win for either team would guarantee a spot in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Tournament, which is set to begin on Saturday, Oct. 30. A loss would mark the end of the season.

Bluffton managed to score the game's only goal in the 15th minute. Elijah Zimmerman was able to benefit from a failed clear out in the box by the Spartans, playing the ball into the back of the net. Zimmerman's score was his ninth goal of the season.

Manchester would lead in shots taken in Wednesday's contest 12-6. MU also held a 6-2 advantage on shots placed on goal and corner kicks taken 6-3.

Sophomore Harley Kruchwitz, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, led the Black and Gold with 6 shots. Kruchwitz ended the season with 14 goals – tied for the eighth-most goals in a single season in school history and the most goals in a single season since Josh Gonzalez scored 14 goals in 2018.

Junior Ruben Gonzalez, from Sylvania, Ohio and Sylvania Northview High School, placed all 3 of his shots on goal against the Beavers.

For Bluffton, keeper Angel Velasco-Urbina made 6 saves en route to the clean sheet.

With the win, Bluffton clinches the No. 6 seed in the HCAC Tournament. Defiance College defeated Earlham College earlier this afternoon and clinched the No. 5 seed. The Beavers ended the regular season 8-7, 4-5 HCAC.

The Spartans ended the season with a record of 6-10-1, 3-6 HCAC.

Women's soccer concludes season at Bluffton

The Manchester University women's soccer team concluded its season on Wednesday afternoon following a road match at Bluffton University.

The Beavers, who were also playing in their season finale, topped the Black and Gold by a final score of 1-0.

A handball in the box by the Spartans resulted in a penalty kick for Bluffton in the 16th minute. Bluffton's Nina McGinn stepped up to the spot and converted the PK giving the Beavers a 1-0 advantage. McGinn's goal was her third of the season.

The Bluffton defense would hold for the remainder of Wednesday's match as the Spartans were unable to equalize.

On the day, Bluffton held a narrow 15-14 advantage in shots taken. The Spartans led BU 12-10 on shots placed on goal.

Nine different Spartans placed a shot on goal in Wednesday's contest. Morgan Mauk, from Toledo, Ohio and E.L. Bowsher High School, led the Manchester offense with 3 shots on goal, while Peyton Horn, from Crown Point and Andean High School, added 2 shots on goal.

Becca Colbert, from Porter and Chesterton High School,

made 9 saves in goal. Bluffton goalie Brielle Collier made 12 stops in goal en route to the clean sheet.

Volleyball falls in four sets at rival Anderson

The Manchester University volleyball team fell in four sets at rival Anderson University on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Manchester took the opening set of Wednesday's match 25-22, however the host the Ravens took the second, third, and fourth sets by tallies of 25-22, 25-15, and 25-23.

Sydney McClain and Tess Perdue led Anderson with 12 and 10 kills, respectively. Anderson swung .241 as a team on Wednesday night. Manchester swung .164 as a team.


The Spartans were led by Sara Shultz's, from East Noble and Churubusco High School, and Halle Planck's, from Gas City and Mississinewa High School, 11 kills. Planck added a pair of block assists against the Ravens. The Spartans were credited with 14 block assists on Wednesday night.

Carly Ripberger, from Tip-ton, and Jordan Holland, from Osceola and Mishawaka High School, chipped in 21 and 16 assists against the Ravens. Helaina Walters, from Marion and Eastbrook High School, led Manchester with 19 digs.

The Spartans (11-14, 3-5 HCAC) will host Mount St. Joseph at 2 p.m. in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Saturday, Oct. 30. The Spartans will host their Senior Day for Samantha Campbell, from Brownsburg.

Anderson improved to 11-12, 4-4 HCAC with the win.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



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A lion in evangelical Anglicanism swims the Tiber to Rome

As always, rumors swirled around the favorites in the 2002 race to become the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury.

Efforts to derail Bishop Michael Nariz-Ali of Rochester were different, in part because he was born in Pakistan – fluent in Urdu and Farsi – and was poised to become the first nonwhite leader of the Church of England. Others noted that he attended Catholic schools as a boy and practiced that faith.

Progressives warned that Nazir-Ali was too conservative on issues dividing Anglicans. He opposed the ordination of noncelibate gays and lesbians, while defending ancient teachings on marriage. He was a fierce critic of Shariah law and “radical Islam,” while defending persecuted Christians around the world. Most of all, critics noted that he was a strong evangelical leader in the global Anglican Communion.

Nazir-Ali insisted that he was “evangelical and Catholic,” even as he lost his shot at the Throne of Canterbury.

That’s the same label that he used when he stunned the Anglican world by announcing that he was returning to Roman Catholicism. He is expected to be ordained as

Terry Mattingly



a Catholic priest this Sunday (Oct. 31), serving in the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, a canonical structure established in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI that allows Anglicans to enter Catholicism while retaining many Anglican rites and traditions. The 72-year-old Nazir-Ali is married and has two children.

He said his move to Catholicism was necessary “because I believe that the traditional Anglican desire to adhere to the fullness of apostolic, patristic and conciliar teaching can now best be maintained in this way.”

Writing in The Daily Mail, he called the decision a “bittersweet moment.”

“Bitter, because I am deeply saddened that the Church of England is not the church I joined,” he said. “There are many individual parishes, priests, and believers who remain committed to biblical faith and values. But as an institution, it seems to be losing its way.

“Sweet, because I am excited about the opportunities that joining the ordinariate

will bring: to uphold human rights and help millions of suffering Christians and others round the world.”

Another major factor was his experience in global dialogues between Canterbury and Rome, Nazir-Ali explained, appearing on the “Kresta in the Afternoon” program on Ave Maria Radio. Even as significant theological agreements were being reached, the U.S. Episcopal Church and some other Anglican provinces were “undermining them by behaving in ways that were opposite to the spirit of the agreements and sometimes the letter of them,” said Nazir-Ali.

Anglicanism’s current crisis, he concluded, is rooted in an “inability to make decisions together that affect everyone that then stick, as it were.” Thus, “when push comes to shove,” there is no common authority on how to interpret scripture and defend church traditions.

This is crucial, he said, since “we are facing, in our world, numerous daily issues where the faithful need guidance, to be told which is the way of the Gospel.”

Ironically, bitter disputes between liberal Catholics in Europe, especially Germany, and conservative Catholics in

the Global South, especially Africa, resemble the conflicts that have rocked Anglicanism for decades, noted an evangelical Anglican activist who has followed Nazir-Ali’s work for many years.

“Yes, Anglicanism has seen its better day, and will again. Roman Catholicism has seen its better day, and we pray that it will see a better day again,” noted Kevin Kallsen, host of the Anglican Unscripted video podcasts. “But you can’t trade Anglicanism for Roman Catholicism

and say you’re seeking a more pure religion – more pure doctrine, a more pure church.” Rome may be purer “on paper,” he insisted, but “in practice,” that isn’t the reality at this point in church history.

It’s true that, in the days ahead, liberals and conservatives in both the Anglican Communion and the Catholic Church may debate the importance of this leap of faith by Nazir-Ali, said broadcaster Al Kresta, reached by telephone.

“But one thing is certain,” stressed Kresta: “This man is more than a defender of the faith. He has been a hero to evangelicals and a lion fighting for the rights of believers around the world who have suffered for the faith. Michael Nazir-Ali has been out there attacking the gates of hell, not standing safely on the sidelines.”

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